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A Well-Balanced Commission

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has appointed a well-balanced commission to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy and the subsequent murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of killing the President.

As the nation's chief judicial officer, Chief Justice Warren is the logical choice to head the investigation. The choice of Senator Russell of Georgia, a fair-minded man who is also a critic of the Chief Justice, is particularly appropriate. The other three members of Congress who will serve on the commission—Senator Cooper of Kentucky and Representative Ford of Michigan, both Republicans, and Representative Boggs of Louisiana, the other Democrat—are also highly respected. So are the non-legislative members, Allen W. Dulles, the former head of the CIA, and John J. McCloy, former disarmament adviser—both Republicans with outstanding records of service to the nation.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which will presumably do most of the legwork for the commission, works under the late President's brother, Attorney General Kennedy. This fact gives added assurance that the inquiry will be exhaustive.

The job of the investigators will not be easy, especially since death has silenced Oswald's voice. But the American people, indeed the whole world, will not be

satisfied until all available facts are determined.

The investigation, we hope, will provide answers to questions like these:

Was Oswald in fact the killer and, if so, was he alone? Could one man have fired the three shots that came in rapid succession from the fifth story window in Dallas?

Did the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" have any part in the assassination, in view of Oswald's professed association with it?

Is it true that Oswald visited Cuban and Russian consulates in Mexico City a month or so before the shooting and, if so, what was his purpose?

Did Oswald hold a grudge against John Connally, the governor of Texas and former secretary of the Navy, because of an undesirable discharge? And if so, could Governor Connally have been his prime target?

Was there any connection between Oswald and Jack Ruby, the man who shot him in the basement of the Dallas City Hall? Could Ruby's purpose have been to keep Oswald from talking?

Let the committee take all the time it needs, but let us have every fact it can possibly uncover concerning the deaths of President Kennedy and his apparent killer.